Track Champion Chris Peedan Wins Fall Spectacular Street Stock Main

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Newly crowned KCR Track Champion Chris Peedan performed a nifty encore to a spectacular season with a main event win in the annual Fall Spectacular.

Dodge Challenger driver Peedan, ran down the leader after starting tenth on the grid and with just three laps remaining, brought his #51 machine alongside front runner Mike Bush. Peedan would edge ahead on the straights while Bush would regain the lead in the turns and when the checkers came out, it was Peedan by a nose.

"It was pretty rough out there," Peedan said. "Look at the tire mark on the side of the car where I got blapped. I knew it would be close at the finish, but I was confident that if I could get alongside, I could take the win."

Bush led the majority of circuits in the 40-lap event, miraculously staying clear of an epidemic of incidents that stalled the chances of several top drivers, including Ron Hornaday III, Bill Famularo and Jeff Drummond. Bush earned the runner-up honors ahead of Drummond, who twice had to work his way up from the rear. Automania-sponsored Greg Benner and John Cappi rounded out the top five.

Palmdale's Bad Brad Miller made short work of the Grand American V-8 Modified division. Miller topped qualifying at 13.939-seconds then aced the Trophy Dash and the Main Event without a serious challenge.

"My car is working so well, I really was just coasting out there," Miller said at the awards presentation. "I want to thank Frank's Radio and Mike Freeman of German Automotive for all the help they've given me."

Track titleist Bruce Gallion chased Miller to the checkers to earn second place. Followed by Jim Holtz, Mike Trottochan and Dan Strobehn.

It doesn't get any wilder than this weeks Mini Stock main. Fifteen of the four-cylinder machines jockeyed for position for 30 laps, nine yellows, 13 spins and a mad, final five-lap dash that had cars three wide going into turns. At the checkers, it was Davidson taking the win over Tony Dighere, Mark Suchy and B. Stocks Jr.

Amy Horst continued her winning ways in the Daredevil Stock class, putting her Camaro out front early and cruising to the win. Gary Marshall placed second ahead of Brian Horst, Dana Rea and Rick Morris.

Simi Valley's Craig Rayburn dominated the Pro Stock division taking a comfortable win over Don Dorman and Chris Doyle.

Rick Crow edged Bill Fife, Jr. and Rick Hopkins for the Late Model win.

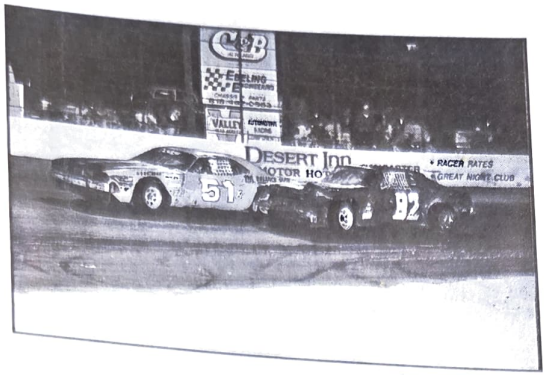
Ending the night's program was a series of mechanics races that showed there was plenty of talent in the pits, as well as on the track.

Gary Dionne topped the Daredevil Stock Mechanics Main ahead of Kenny Gibson and Tim Wheeler. The Late Model/Pro Stock win earned by Art Chmieleloski, followed by Don Hansen and Gary Dorman.

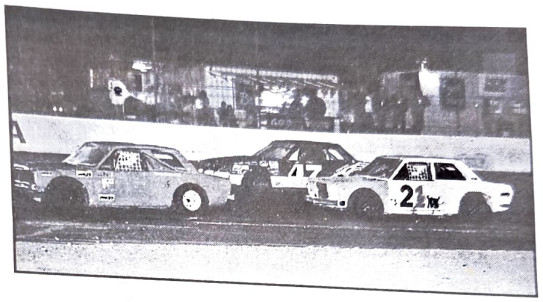
Short Track legend Wild Bill Foster topped the Street Stocks driving grandson Ron Hornaday III's Camaro. Joe Taschner was second, followed by Billy Howell (third), Rob Lytle (fourth) and Steve Sciacca (fifth).

The Mini Stock Mechanics Race was won by Seth Harris over Ronnie Hackney in Gregg Davidson's car, Doug Petsco, Sr. drove home in third.

Shawn Kirkland piloted Bruce Gallion's Grand American to victory in the division, Steve Chalgren earned runner-up honors over Seth Rossen.



1995 KCR Track champion Chris Peedan #51 claimed the Street Stock win at the First Annual KCR Fall Spectacular.



Gregg Davidson #8 won a wild Mini Stock Main.

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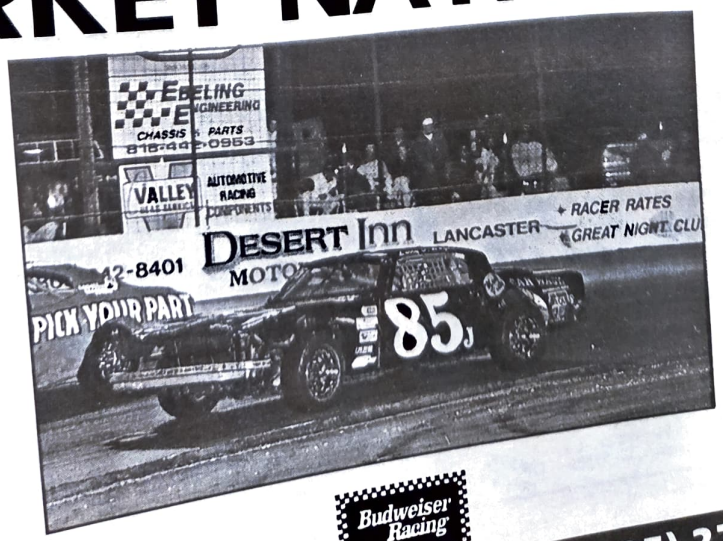

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